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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Following is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed 12 August 2004 and includes a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the due date to Monday, 13 December 2004.

Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages, and consider the remarks herein. While Applicant believes that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment and petition, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. A-70092/RMA (469090-14)).

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 12.